# Most Important Voices: Children, Youth, and Families













#### SAMHSA's Vision

is for *all* children and youth to live full lives in the community - to have an education, preparation for employment, and meaningful relationships with family and friends.

#### **SAMHSA's Mission**

is to improve outcomes for children and youth with and/or at risk for mental, substance use and/or co-occurring disorders, and their families by increasing access to a continuum of comprehensive, integrated, culturally and linguistically competent services and supports—that include prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery.



#### Principle 1:

Children and youth are viewed and understood within a developmental framework.



#### Principle 2:

Children and youth are viewed and understood in the context of their families, their communities, and their cultures.



#### Principle 3:

Prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery are provided within a public health context, along a continuum, and address risk and protective factors.



#### Principle 4:

Services and supports for children, adolescents, and their families are family-driven and youth-guided; culturally and linguistically competent; individualized and strengths-based; and community-based.



#### Principle 5:

Behavioral health care is comprehensive, coordinated, and integrated across multiple child- and family-serving agencies.

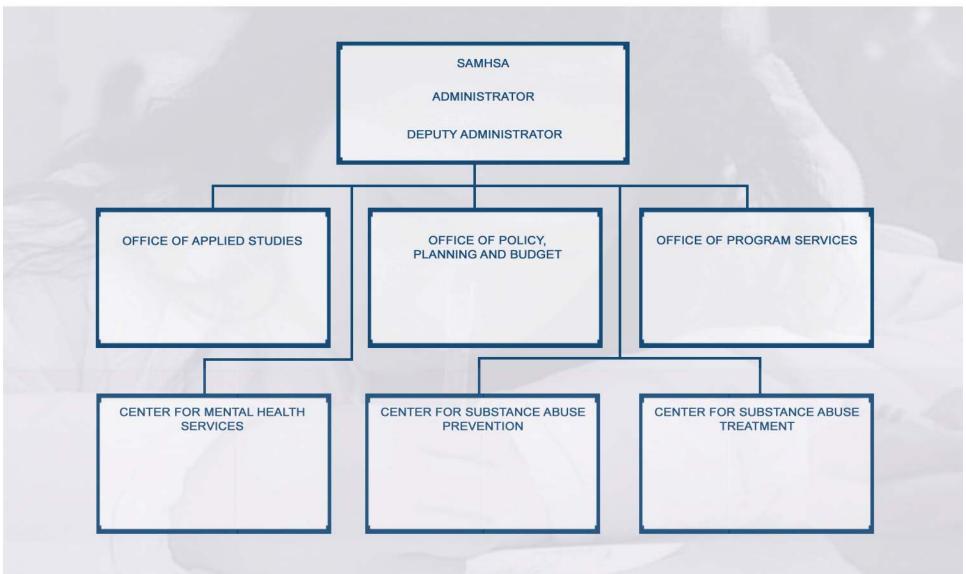






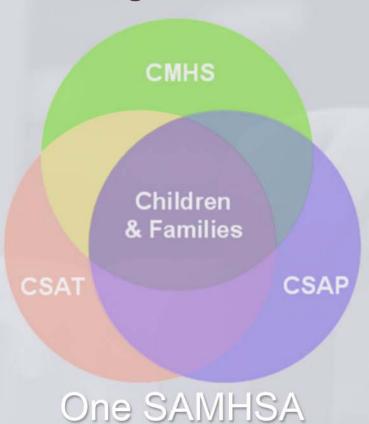






### SAMHSA's Children and Families Workgroup Promotes Collaboration Across all 3 Centers to:

- •Identify priorities, gaps, and opportunities for integration.
- •Develop new initiatives (e.g., State-level Coordinator for Adolescent Substance Use).
- •Gather input from youth and families as well as other key stakeholders.
- •Hold joint grantee meetings (e.g., CSAT's Strengthening Communities with CMHS' System of Care).



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•Fund grants jointly across Centers (e.g., Child and Adolescent State Infrastructure Grant).

•Develop TA resources and activities

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Collaborate with other Federal partners

(e.g., Federal/National Partnership for Transforming Child & Family Mental Health & Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment; Federal Partners Collaborative for Social &

Emotional Development of Young Children Ages 0-5)

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